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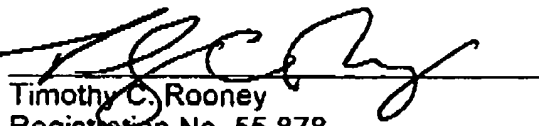
In the Notice of Allowance mailed November 16, 2006, the Examiner noted that a objection to the specification remained outstanding Without conceding the propriety of the objection and solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended the specification to include language allegedly necessary to provide antecedent basis for claimed subject matter. The foregoing amendment is supported by the application as filed. Applicant submits that no additional search or examination is required.

For at least the reasons set forth above, and because this Amendment is being submitted prior to payment of the enclosed issue fee, Applicants respectfully solicit entry of this Amendment into the record.

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